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*Rosalie A. Centeno*  
Rosalie A. Centeno, Secretary

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Application – Melvin Hatch

HEAT-CONDUCTING SUPPORT FOR CURVED BOTTOM VESSELS

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 10 pages specification, 3 pages claims (16), 1 page abstract, combined declaration and power of attorney, and 2 pages (4 figures) drawings in support of the above identified application.
2. Also enclosed herewith is an assignment from the inventor, Melvin Hatch to New Mexico Tech Research Foundation, P.O. Box 677, Socorro, New Mexico, 87801, which you will kindly record at the Patent and Trademark Office.
3. I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$395.00 \* to cover the official fees of:

Basic fee	\$355.00**
Additional fees:	
Total number of claims in excess of 20 times x \$9.00	\$ 0.00
Number of independent claims in excess of 3 times x \$40.00	\$ 0.00
Assignment recording fee	\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b>\$395.00</b>

\* It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and any fees required or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

\*\* Please note that the application qualifies for small entity status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(a)

Respectfully,

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